

Report Title	Learning enquiry into maternal deaths		
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Meeting	Trust Board	Date	5 th September 2019

1. Suggested discussion points *[two or three issues you consider the Trust Board should focus on]*

The Trust's Board established an enquiry, with external involvement, given five maternal deaths in our care over a two year period. A combined internal team with external advice has reconsidered each death, the reasons for it, the care that we provided, and what can be learnt for the future from our care pathways, and our investigations previously.

The Board's Quality and Safety Committee has considered the external input, the overall report, and the actions arising on several occasions. The attached paper is the main body of the report. Subject to the timely conclusion of discussions with bereaved family members of those involved, the full body of the report will be made available within the Trust and to external parties.

There is learning in the review. There is no evidence of poor case nor preventable harm. The tabulated summary of each 'case' against our questions provides a good overview of the areas where we will strive to improve further. Both the Executive Quality Committee, and the Board's Quality and Safety Committee, will track implementation of actions between now and March 2020.

2. Alignment to 2020 Vision *[indicate with an 'X' which Plan this paper supports]*

Safety Plan		Public Health Plan		People Plan & Education Plan	
Quality Plan	X	Research and Development		Estates Plan	
Financial Plan		Digital Plan		Other <i>[specify in the paper]</i>	

3. Previous consideration *[where has this paper been previously discussed?]*

n/a

4. Recommendation(s)

The Trust Board is asked to:

- a. **RECOGNISE** the conclusions of the review and accept the action plan arising
- b. **COMMENT** on oversight of the implementation of that plan
- c. **CONSIDER** how service quality within maternity services is best compared to others

5. Impact *[indicate with an 'X' which governance initiatives this matter relates to and where shown elaborate]*

Trust Risk Register		n/a				
Board Assurance Framework		n/a				
Equality Impact Assessment	Is this required?	Y		N	X	If 'Y' date completed
Quality Impact Assessment	Is this required?	Y		N	X	If 'Y' date completed